

REMARKS

No claims are amended, canceled, or added; as a result, claims 91-127 remain pending in this application.

Information Disclosure Statement

Applicant respectfully requests that a copy of the 1449 Form, listing all references that were submitted with the Information Disclosure Statement filed on January 9, 2002, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, be returned with the next official communication. The examiner returned a partially initialed copy of the 1449 Form with all documents initialed except the English abstract of Japanese publication no. 56-055067. Applicant encloses a copy of the Information Disclosure Statement with 1449 Form and English abstract of Japanese publication no. 56-055067. Kindly consider this English abstract and return an initialed 1449 Form.

Double Patenting Rejection

Claims 102-127 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of double patenting over claims 1-25 of U.S. Patent No. 6,198,168 in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,090,636. Applicant respectfully traverses. A Terminal Disclaimers in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(b)(iv) were previously filed on July 22, 2002 and August 12, 2002, which terminally disclaimed over 6,090,636, and 6,198,168, respectively. Applicant encloses copies of these Terminal Disclaimers for the examiner's convenience.

Telephone Interview Request

In the event that the examiner does not fully consider the previously filed Information Disclosure Statement or does not allow the present application in the next action, the undersigned requests a telephone interview at the examiner's convenience.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney at (612) 349-9587 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743

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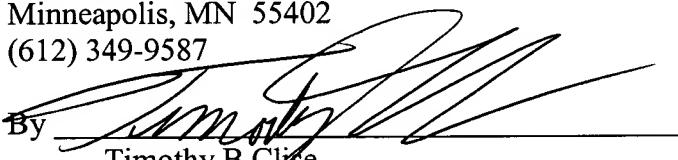
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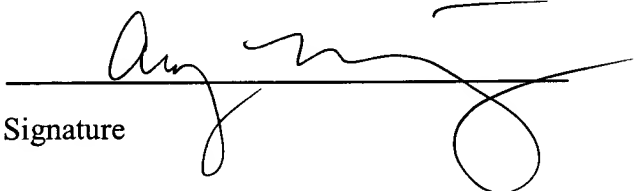
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